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Ref: 2234-20306

Honorable Philip N. Asprodites Commissioner of Conservation Office of Conservation P. O. Box 94275 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re:

Proposed Substitute Unit Well Bol Mex 3 Zone, Reservoir A

EAST LAKE ARTHUR FIELD, Jefferson Davis Parish,

Louisiana

Applicant: The Meridian Resource & Exploration, LLC

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **The Meridian Resource & Exploration**, **LLC** for the calling of a public hearing, after ten (10) days legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters regarding the Bol Mex 3 Zone, Reservoir A, East Lake Arthur Field, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana, for which rules and regulations were established and a drilling and production unit was created by the Office of Conservation Order No. 652-G, as revised.

- To permit applicant, The Meridian Resource & Exploration, LLC to drill, designate and utilize a substitute unit well for the Bol Mex 3 RA SUA, such well to be at the location shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof;
- To confirm The Meridian Resource & Exploration, LLC as the operator of the Bol Mex 3 RA SUA;
- 3. To find that, except to the extent contrary to the order granted by the Commissioner of Conservation in connection with the hearing held on this application, the provisions of Office of Conservation No. 652-G, as revised, shall remain in full force and effect, and
- 4. To consider such other matters which may be pertinent to this application as shown by the evidence presented at the hearing held on this matter.

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The Bol Mex 3 Zone, Reservoir A, East Lake Arthur Field, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana was previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 652-G, effective December 5, 2000 and revised by Office of Conservation Order No. 652-G-1, effective April 24, 2001.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the Bol Mex 3 RA SUA, showing the location of the substitute unit well together with a list of the names and addresses of all interested owners, interested parties and represented parties who are known to the applicant after reasonable search. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all such parties.

A copy of the list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, interested parties and represented parties is not being mailed to those parties along with this hearing application. Should any of these parties desire a copy of this list, however, we will be glad to provide one upon request.

Any pertinent data relating to this matter can be obtained at the cost of the requesting party, from Mr. Jim Hardwick of Cutright & Hardwick, P. O. Box 80972, Lafayette, LA 70598-0972, (337) 232-7756.

Finally, there is enclosed our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$700.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, which represents the required hearing application fee.

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BJD:ht Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson District Manager

Interested Parties, Interested Owners and Represented Parties on attached list

